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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Nozzle Tip and Seal**
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Sir:

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1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$170.00 to cover:
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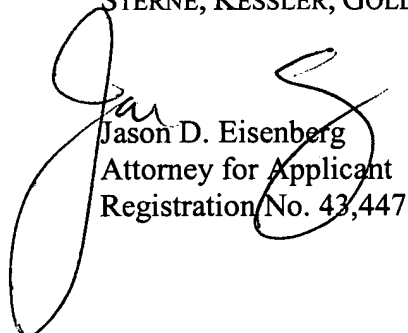
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